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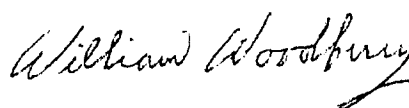
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As you are well aware, Microsoft has been under public and government scrutiny concerning their business tactics as being a monopoly. In my view, this lawsuit has been going on for far too long and I'd like to see it finished once and for all. The continuation of its opposing competitors who keep pressuring Microsoft are doing damage to this nation far beyond what they could possibly realize.

Thousands of Americans rely on Microsoft in various ways, some in terms of jobs, most in terms of computer technology that they use in their homes and businesses. If we let this suit go back to the Federal Court, our people will continue to lose out on millions of dollars and the possibility of improved software to evolve our way of life.

The settlement is fair and reasonable and it will most definitely benefit consumers and eliminate future possibilities of competitors attacking Microsoft for unjustly dominating the IT market. This country needs to consider the money being spent on the lawsuit and realize that re-direction of funds is in need. Your help in Microsoft's defense is greatly needed and appreciated. .

Sincerely,


William Woodbury